(a) whether Orissa Government have requested for an increase in the monthly quota of rice, wheat, sugar, edible oil, kerosene and other essential commodities; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) Rice and Wheat Central Government has not received any specific request from Government of Orissa for additional allocation of rice and wheat. Allotments are made on a month to basis taking into account various factors like availability in the Central Pool, past lifting, market availability, *inter se* requirement among States etc.

Sugar

A request for an increase in the monthly levy sugar quota was received by the Central Government. The request could not be acceded to as the allocations from the Central Pool to States/UTs are made on a Uniform norm of minimum 425 grams per capita monthly availability for projected population as on 1-10-86.

Edible Oils

A request for increased monthly allocation of imported edible oil for 5000 tonnes was received by the Central Government. The allocation to Orissa has been increased from 750 tonnes in April, 1990 to 3000 tonnes in August, 1990.

Kerosene Oil

Requests for enhanced allotment of kerosene oil were received by the Central Government. Accordingly additional adhoc allotment of 500 tonnes for March, 1990 was made. Similarly, allotment of an additional quantity of 2000 tonnes for April, 1990 was made subject to adjustment in the monsoon block. For July, 1990, also a quantity of 460 tonnes was released.

New Sugar Mills in Orissa

1135. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up ten new sugar mills in Orissa;

(b) if so, how many sugar mills would be set up in the current financial year;

(c) what would be the total cost of each sugar mill and the details of financial matters; and

(d) the total area covered under sugarcane production in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) After the announcement of the licensing policy guidelines for the 7th Five Year Plan on 02-01-1987, the Central Government have issued Letters of Intent for establishment of Five Sugar Factories in the State of Orissa. It generally takes 3-4 years to set up a new sugar mill. Keeping in view the present progress of implementation, it appears that none of the aforesaid licensed sugar factories would be able to start functioning during the current financial year.

(c) The total cost of a new sugar mill is estimated at about Rs. 27 crores. All the new sugar mills in the State of Orissa are to be established either in the Joint Sector or in the Private Sector. The financial pattern for these two sectors is as follows:—

(i) Promoters equity—40 per cent

(ii) Term loan from financial Institutions—60 per cent

(d) The total area covered under sugar cane production in the State of Orissa during 1988-89 was 47.0 thousand hectares.